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# Land Grant Application- Littlefield, John (Wells)

John Littlefield

Meriam Littlefield

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I Edward E Bourne of Kennebunk in the County  
of York Esq<sup>r</sup>, do on oath certify and declare  
that I am well acquainted with Miriam Little  
field of Wells in said County widow, and have  
always understood her to be the widow of John  
Littlefield who was an ensign in the service of  
the United States in the Revolutionary War - Having  
obtained for <sup>her</sup> a pension as the widow of said John, I  
took sundry depositions to prove said fact - So that  
I am fully satisfied, that she is the widow of John  
Littlefield aforesaid -

Edward E Bourne.

State of Maine

April 25. May 20. 1838. Subscribed and sworn  
to before me -

Robert Blavely Justice of the Peace

I William Eaton of Wells in the County  
of York and State of Maine Gentleman, do  
on oath testify and declare that I was ser-  
geant of a company under the command of  
Daniel Wheelright, three years from 1777 to 1780  
after the death of said Wheelright, there was  
no captain - I do further testify that John Lit-  
tlefuld <sup>of said Wells</sup> was Ensign of said company during  
the whole three years - The company were first  
incorporated in the Regiment under the command of  
Col. Francis - afterwards Col. Luffer - said John  
Littlefuld died many years since and Meriam  
Littlefuld now living is his widow -

William Eaton

State of Maine  
York ss. May 9. 1838 Personally appeared  
William Eaton who is a credible witness  
and made oath to the truth of the fore-  
going declaration by him subscribed

Before me -

Edward E. Bourn

Justice of the Peace



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Meriam Littlefield  
widow of J<sup>r</sup>: Littlefield

Rec<sup>d</sup>. Aug<sup>t</sup>. 11. 1835,

Office not provided for  
by Resolve. —  
Rejected.

Ch<sup>l</sup> Moore



I Merriam Littlefield of Wells in the County of York and State of Maine, aged Seventy nine years, do, upon oath, declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17. 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I am the Widow of John Littlefield late of Wells in the County of York and State of Maine, who died at Wells aforesaid on the eleventh day of March A.D. 1790

That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband John Littlefield did enlist in the Army of the Revolution in the year A.D. 1777 in the company commanded by Capt. Daniel Wheelwright, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Francis, as an Ensign in said company, for three years and that he actually served in said Army of the Revolution for the three years and was then honourably discharged at West Point in the State of New York, and previous to this enlistment he was in the Revolutionary service for several Months in the company commanded by Capt. Samuel Sayer, and Col. Pattersons Regiment.

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband John Littlefield was at the time of his said enlistment, an Inhabitant of Wells aforesaid, and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an Inhabitant of the said State of Maine residing in Wells aforesaid where he had resided for Thirty years before his decease. — That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of Land, or Money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve. —

Attest  
Nick Gilman  
Joseph Littlefield

Merriam <sup>her</sup> Littlefield  
Mark

State of Maine  
York Co.

The within declaration subscribed and  
sworn to this Twentieth day of July — 1835 —

Before me,

Nich<sup>l</sup>. Gilman Just. Peace

I William Allen Hayes Judge of Probate  
within & for the County of York in the State  
of Maine hereby certify that satisfactory  
evidence under oath has been adduced before  
me to prove that Meriam Littlefield of  
Wells in said County of York was the  
lawful wife & is now the widow of  
John Littlefield late of said Wells a resolu-  
tionary Soldier deceased

Given under my hand this third day of  
August in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred & thirty five

Wm. A. Hayes Judge of  
Probate



Know all Men by these Presents, That I Merriam Littlefield of Wells in the County of York and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint Ebenezer G. Moore of Wells aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17. 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers", to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. — And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present. —  
Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, witness my hand and seal this Seventeenth day of July — A.D. 1835 —

Signed sealed and delivered

her

Merriam X Littlefield

Mark

In presence of  
Nicht Gilman and  
Joseph Littlefield

State of Maine —

York Co. —

Be it known, that on this Seventeenth day of July — 1835 before the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Merriam Littlefield above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by her signed to be her free act and deed. —

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned. —

Nicht Gilman Just. Peace



Miriam Littlefield,  
Application,

for Land,  
widow of John Littlefield

Res. March 20. 1838,

41 m 20 Supp.

Recd May 21. 1838

Evid of citizenship  
wanted

A  
J. L. Linn 41 m 20 d as  
an officer in Col Supp Regt.

Admitted & Certificate  
No. 8. issued June 4. 1838

Recd the above named  
certificate & forwarded the same by mail  
to E. E. Bourne Esq. Oliver Frost

E. E. Bourne

I Meriam Littlefield of Wells in the County of York and State of Maine aged eighty two years do, upon oath declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature passed March 20 1838, entitled a resolve in favor of certain commissioned officers and others of the Revolutionary War and the widows of such persons that I am the widow of John Littlefield late, of Wells in the County of York and State of Maine who died at Wells on the ~~thirtieth~~ day of March 1790 That I have reason to believe and do fully believe that my said late husband John Littlefield did enter the army in the Revolutionary War as an Ensign in the company of Captain Whitely - in the Regiment of Col Tupper of the Massachusetts line in the year 1777 for the term of three years - and that he served said three years when he was honorably discharged in 1780 - The Regiment she believes was first under the command of Col Francis -

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe and do fully believe that my said late husband John Littlefield was at the time of his said enlistment an inhabitant of said Wells and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in said Wells where he had residence from his birth. That I have reason to believe and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband nor any one claiming under him did receive nor have I received since his decease a grant of land or money in lieu thereof from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for his said service or any other service during the Revolutionary war and that I am justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve

Witness  
E E Bourne

Meriam X Littlefield  
mailed

State of Maine

Yorkss: Subscribed and sworn to this eight  
seventeenth day of May 1838

Before me

Eduard E Bourne  
Justice of the Peace



Know all men by These presents that I Miriam  
Littlefield of Wells in the County of York <sup>and State of Maine</sup> widow  
being the same person by whom the preceding dec-  
laration was made do hereby constitute and appoint  
Oliver Frost my true and lawful Attorney for  
me and in my name to receive from the Land  
Agent of the State of Maine such certificate as  
he may issue to me in virtue of a Resolve of said  
State passed March 20 1838 entitled a Resolve in  
favour of certain commissioned officers and  
others of the Revolutionary war, and the widows  
of such persons, to the benefit of which Resolve I am  
entitled - And my said Attorney is hereby autho-  
rized and empowered upon the receipt of said  
certificate for me and in my name to execute  
such receipt or acknowledgement therefor as I might  
were I personally present.

I hereby ratify and confirming whatever  
my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof - Wit-  
ness my hand and this ~~twenty~~ <sup>the</sup> seventh day  
of May 1838.

Witness  
E E Bourne

Miriam Littlefield  
mailed

State of Maine

York ss. Be it known that on this seventh  
day of May 1838. before Me Subscribed  
a Justice of the Peace for said County  
personally appeared Miriam Little-  
field above named and acknowledged  
the foregoing power of Attorney by her  
signed, to be her free act and deed  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my name the day and  
year above named  
Edward E Bourne  
Justice of the Peace



Miriam Littlefield<sup>8</sup>

Lot No 2 in Little E.  
drawn Aug 12, 1838

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Conveyed to Grant  
September 4, 1838  
deed sent to E. G. Bowen  
by mail

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**STATE OF MAINE.**

**LAND OFFICE,**

Augusta, June 4, 1838.

**I** **Hereby Certify,** That *Miriam Littlefield* \_\_\_\_\_  
of *Wells* \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of *York*, widow of \_\_\_\_\_  
*John Littlefield* late of said *Wells* deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
by declaration sworn to on the *7th* day of *May* last \_\_\_\_\_  
(See claim No. 5) \_\_\_\_\_

and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved her \_\_\_\_\_ claim to  
the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain commissioned officers and others of the  
Revolutionary war and the widows of such persons approved March 20, A. D.  
1838, and that "THE LAWFUL HOLDER" of this Certificate is entitled, under the  
provisions of said Resolve, to **SIX HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.**

*Elijah L. Hamlin* Land Agent of Maine.